Children's Deaths due to Dropsy

†4732. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of children have died because of dropsy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check the disease of dropsy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Increase in Urological Surgery

4733. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. RML Hospital, majority of the surgical patients are urological patients;

(b) if so, the number of indoor/outdoor patients registered in this two hospitals during the last three years, month-wise and hospital-wise; and

(c) the number of beds available in general ward, special ward and nursing homes for urological patients, hospital-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. It is not a fact that in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, majority of the surgical patients are urological patients.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) while there is no separate/special ward for urological patients in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, 5 beds in General Ward and in Safdarjang Hospital, 20 beds in General Ward are earmarked for urological patients. In the Nursing Home in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, beds are not earmarked for any type of patients and are allocated as and when required.

Rural Health Schemes in T.N.

4734. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the on-going rural health schemes in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount released to various States including Tamil Nadu in connection with rural health during the last five years;

(c) whether quality healthcare is not available to many parts of rural areas in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for providing quality healthcare to rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Various health schemes are being implemented in the country, including rural areas of Tamil Nadu, like Sub-Centre Scheme, Area Projects, Strengthening of Basic Training School, Free Distribution of Contraceptives, State Health System Development Projects, Major/Minor Civil Works under Reproductive of Child Health Programme, National Malaria Control Programme, National T.B. Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National Aids Control Programme, National Programme for Blindness Control etc.

(b) Releases made to States under various Family Welfare Programmes having rural health component and under various National Diseases Control Programmes during last five years have been given in annexures-l-VI. [See appendix 2004, Annexure No. 29].

(c) and (d) Government is aware of certain gapsln healthcare services in some parts of the country. The recently launched National Rural health Mission seeks to provide effective healthcare to rural population throughout the country. It seeks to address the inter-State and inter-district disparities, including unmet needs for public health infrastructure. It also seeks to improve access of rural people, especially poor women and children, to equitable, affordable, accountable and effective primary healthcare.

Efficiency Test for Doctors

4735. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: SHRI
SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for holding periodical